

Local broadcasters worried about losing local news should not worry about XM or satellite radio competing with them. A 3 minute traffic and weather update is a very specialized information service. This service, by the way, has been available via cellular phone for some time. There is also a service that gives some of this information (news, weather, headlines) delivered, city by city, to a wristwatch. Local broadcasters are really worried about losing listeners to satellite radio in general, just like they did to cable TV and satellite TV. This progress is part of the inevitable advancement of technology. If they have unique and valuable local content, people will listen to them. If not, they will go elsewhere. The irony is, so many local broadcasters have long since used syndicated shows to fill their schedules they gave up on the protection of "local content" years ago. They are merely using this argument to try to limit competition.